



## RELATIONS STRAINED

**Between Haytian Government and France.**

**ELEVEN MEN ARE SHOT**

**The Situation Is Further Complicated By Revolutionists Taking Refuge.**

**DEMANDED THREE REFUGEES**

**It Has Been Reported That There Are a Number of Men Under the Protection of the American Flag in the Office of the Consular Agent.**

PARIS, March 16.—The situation between the Haytian government and France has become acute and critical. The French Legation at Port Au Prince is menaced and a general massacre of the white residents of the islands is feared. This information was conveyed in an official dispatch to the Foreign Office from M. Carteron, the French Minister to Hayti. The situation in the Haytian Republic which, for several weeks, has been the scene of revolutionary activities, against the administration of General Alexis Nord, is reported to have taken a serious turn yesterday. Eleven prominent politicians, it is said, were, by executive order, summarily shot to death at daybreak in the outskirts of Port Au Prince. The executed men were charged with conspiracy against the government. The situation is further complicated by the fact that a number of revolutionists took refuge, when the movement failed, in the foreign consulates, and especially the French, at Gonaives and St. Marc. The Haytian government demanded that these men be handed to it, but France refused on the ground that it was not satisfied that they would be given humane and lawful treatment when they left the protection of the French flag. The situation is complicated further by the allegation that the revolutionary movement was fostered in some foreign consulates in Hayti. Charles Miot, a Haytian, who was American Consul at St. Marc, was removed from office in January by the American Legation on the ground of complicity with the rebels. It has been reported that there were a number of Haytian refugees under the protection of the American flag in the office of the American Consular agent at Port du Paix.

**FOREIGNERS THREATENED.**

**Political Arrests Cause Unrest in the Island of Hayti.**

BERLIN, March 16.—The German Admiralty has ordered the cruiser Bremen, at present at Curacao, to go to Port Au Prince, Hayti, to be at the disposal of the German Minister for the protection of German subjects or other foreigners. The Foreign Office has been in correspondence with the French government with regard to the political arrests made recently in Hayti, and the general situation of unrest in the island. A French cruiser, it was learned today, has been ordered to Port Au Prince.

A telegram received here by the German Cable Company from Port Au Prince, March 15, says that the safety of foreigners there was seriously threatened.

## EXAMINING CHURCH EXITS.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Investigation of the churches of Chicago regarding the danger of fire and protection of congregations in the matter of exits was started today by 130 captains of the fire department, acting under the personal instructions of Fire Marshal James Horan. They examined over 700 church buildings.

Although no reports have been received as yet at Marshal Horan's office from battalion chiefs, a canvas of a few of the stations near the downtown district showed four of the churches violated the state law as well as the city ordinances in the locking of certain exit doors.

In many of the churches it was found doors swing inward.

The fire captains today will turn in to Chief Horan complete reports and recommendations as to necessary changes. Notices at once will be served on pastors and trustees of churches found to be of faulty construction or where doors have been found locked that the city ordinance must be complied with in the future. It is not expected that any refusal will be met with.

## COMMUNICATE WITH FLEET.

SEATTLE, March 16.—Early tonight the United Wireless Company was in communication with the battleship fleet in Magdalena Bay. The first vessel picked up was the Connecticut. Instruments working perfectly and aerograms to Point Loma station could be distinctly read.

## ROESSLER RELIEVED

**Will Probably Go to Another Station in East.**

**HIS SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED**

**It is Thought That Colonel W. C. Langfitt Will be Appointed to the Vacancy as he Had the Post Several Years Ago.**

PORTLAND, March 16.—Colonel S. W. Roessler, United States engineer in charge of the works at the mouth of the Columbia River, Coos Bay and other points along the coast of Oregon and Washington has been ordered to some point in the east, according to reports received here today. Colonel Roessler will leave Portland before April 15th. His successor will probably be Col. W. C. Langfitt, who formerly was in charge of this station.

## HOUSE WORKING.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The whole of today's session of the house was devoted to the consideration of bills under suspension of the rules. A number were passed including one providing for the restoration of the motto "In God We Trust" on American coins and another increasing the efficiency of the medical department of the army. Among other bills passed were the ones providing that appeals from the district court of Alaska may be heard at either Seattle, San Francisco or Portland and granting the local steamboat inspectors authority to pass upon the fitness of officers and crews of steam vessels and re-organizing the consular service.

## POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Under the guise of discussing legislation, the session of the Senate today was devoted to a political discussion in which Tillman and Beveridge were the chief participants. The Senate considered the traffic report on the Indian appropriation bill and after some criticism of the action of conferees on minor provision a report was disagreed to and another conference asked.

## TILLMAN'S TRUMPETING

**Delivers Direct and Denunciatory Address.**

**SWINGING OF PENDULUM**

**He Said "The House Had Degenerated Into Little More Than a Recording Machine".**

**BEVERIDGES SPIRITED REPLY**

**Wanted to Know of National Banks of New York Were in the Habit of Furnishing Permanent Capital For Speculative Purposes.**

WASHINGTON, March 16.—With caution unusual for him, Tillman today read part of his speech in the Senate in which he denounced the executive encroachment on the legislative power. With this apparent caution, he proceeded to deliver one of the most direct and denunciatory addresses ever heard in that body. His speech was based on his resolution instructing the committee on finance to inquire whether the national banks of New York are in the habit of furnishing permanent capital for speculative purposes. The resolution was adopted.

Tillman traced what he called the "Swinging of the pendulum" from the regime of Andrew Johnson when congress assumed the control almost to the exclusion of the President from the legislative influence to the administrations which followed, which he declared witnessed the growth of the Presidential power.

"Now," he said, "The house has degenerated into little more than a recording machine to do the will of the speaker and his lieutenants. The freedom of debate in the old and true sense has disappeared from that end of the capitol. In the Senate, servility and cowardice are the order of the day."

He declared that "While the freedom of debate still exists the shadow of the executive hangs over all and the President's wishes are almost the only law."

The cause of this condition, Tillman declared, is federal patronage. Senator Beveridge made a spirited defense of the President and the Republican party, declaring that what has been termed the subserviency of the Republican Senators was merely an evidence of harmony between the President and his party. Beveridge characterized Tillman as a "Corn fed lawyer." Tillman objected to that title but added he was mighty fond of corn bread.

## WATERS RAGING IN IDAHO.

SPOKANE, March 16.—The incessant fall of rain in Northern Idaho from Saturday morning until Monday has caused the waters of the St. Joe river to overflow its banks resulting in considerable loss of property. Dwellings along its banks have been abandoned and the people taken to the uplands. This afternoon the rain is still falling in sheets. Lewiston will be isolated for a week. More than two miles of track and many new bridges have been washed out on the line down to Potlatch Creek. The Pine Creek Lumber Company near Kendrick lost a \$100,000 dam and more than a million feet of logs. At Lewiston, the Clearwater is higher than it has been for years and it is

still rising. The warm weather and rains still prevail in the headwaters of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The crest of the flood is still to come. One life was lost Sunday.

## BAG OF BUCKSHOT.

**Placed in Vestibule of Church With Note Attached.**

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo., March 16.—Rev. H. S. Tyford, pastor of the Methodist Church here, found an anonymous message scrawled on a scrap of paper and pinned to a bag containing buckshot in the vestibule of the church last evening warning him he would be filled with the shot unless he stopped preaching against the liquor interests. Mr. Tyford read the warning from the pulpit and announced that he would deliver another temperance lecture next Sunday.

## WILL BE CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The judiciary committee today authorized Senator Fulton to report the McCourt nomination favorably. Under the Senate rules, the report lies over one day before confirmation unless immediate action is necessary by conditions of the service. The Senate will undoubtedly confirm McCourt's nomination Wednesday.

## WAS IT REQUESTED?

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Public Printer Stillings tendered his resignation today. It was accepted.

## HEROISM REWARDED

**Governor Buchtel Pardon the Trusty Who Was Cut.**

**FOUND BLADE IN ALIA'S COAT**

**Each Side of the Blade Had Been Ground or Filed to a Keen Edge—Guy Sexton the "Trusty," Was a Short Term Man.**

DENVER, March 16.—For his heroism in overpowering Giuseppe Alia, the condemned murderer of Father Leo, when Alia attempted to escape from the county jail Saturday, Guy Sexton, a "trusty" serving a short term for a small theft was pardoned today by Governor Buchtel. Sexton was cut in the neck with a razor by Alia receiving a severe but not dangerous wound. A scissor blade was found today concealed in the sleeve of Alia's coat. Each side of the blade had been ground or filed to a sharp edge. How the murderer secured the two blades has not been definitely ascertained.

## RIOTING AT FAIRBANKS.

SEATTLE, March 16.—A special cable to the Post-Intelligencer from Fairbanks, dated March 17, says that members of the Western Federation engaged in a riot this morning. They molested and threatened the men going out on the train to work and prevented the railroad men from loading baggage on the train. A deputy marshal found it necessary to club the rioters into obedience to law. Five shots were fired at the deputy marshal but no one was injured.

## COURT AFFAIRS DECISION.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—By division of 5 to 3 the supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the eighth district imposing fines on the C. B. & Q. for granting and packers of Kansas City for accepting rebates on shipments intended for export.

Judges Brewer and Peckham dissented and Judge Moody took no part.

## STORM VERY DISASTROUS

**No Trains From East Since Saturday.**

**ALL RIVERS VERY HIGH**

**Slides Have Occured From Wyeth to Points Beyond Pendleton and Wires are Down.**

**WARM WEATHER MELTS SNOW**

**The Water is High and Still Rising, and Great Damage is Being Done—Bridges Carried Away—One Life Lost So Far.**

PORTLAND, March 16.—No trains on the O. R. & N. got through from the East from Saturday night until this morning at 9:30, when combined Nos. 3 and 5, which had managed to crawl past the great mud slide at Wyeth, loafed into the Union Depot. Four east bound trains were sent out from Portland from 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but all had to be brought back and annulled. There has been trouble all along the O. R. & N., due not only to the heavy rainfall, but the melting of snow in the mountains, which the heavy wind has helped to aggravate. Slides have occurred from Wyeth to points beyond Pendleton, and the wire service is so unsatisfactory that but little definite news has been received here as to the extent of damage done. Meacham Creek, between La Grande and Pendleton, has been on a big tear, but with the ceasing of the downpour at 3 o'clock this morning it is not expected that much further damage from flood will be done. Six hundred feet of spur track has already been washed into the river, and the new steel bridge near Pendleton is in danger of going out, owing to the rapid rise of the Umatilla. The water is high, and still rising, and great masses of driftwood are heaped against the bridge, while a big gang of men is attempting to save the structure. Yesterday afternoon a mud slide 400 feet in length and from four to ten feet in depth buried the tracks east of Duncan, and the roadway will not only have to be cleared but repaired before normal traffic can be resumed. Trains Nos. 1 and 5 were laid out at La Grande all day yesterday, and will probably be run through this afternoon or in the morning.

So far no damage has been done throughout the Willamette Valley and all Southern Pacific trains have been arriving as near their regular schedule as usual. The Oregon electric line is reported O. K. between here and Salem and the Northern Pacific from here to the Sound is all clear, though the trains have been delayed at intervals by high water and small landslides.

Concerning the river at Portland, District Forecaster E. A. Beals has issued the following bulletin:

"Owing to the recent heavy rains and mild weather, all rivers in this district have risen rapidly during the last 24 hours. The river at Portland will come to a stand at a stage of about 13 feet by Tuesday afternoon. It will fall Wednesday."

Driftwood, railroad ties and various forms of wreckage are arriving from up-river points, which have been set afloat by the sudden rise. Little of it manages to get by the closely-driven piling beneath the Madison-street bridge. Private reports received

ed from Salem and other river towns state that great quantities of firewood, ties and other material have been carried away by the freshet. The stream rose so quickly that there was no chance to save any such property which has been left near the shore line.

Captain Graham, of the Oregon City Transportation Company, has been advised that the river at Salem stood at two feet above low-water mark Saturday. At 8 o'clock this morning it was 15.6 feet, and still rising. It was stated, however, that the Santiam and other tributaries were at a stand.

No. 6 last night was annulled from Portland to La Grande, but was made up at that point this morning and proceeded eastward on regular time. No. 8 this morning was annulled. No. 2 started out on time, but it is very doubtful if it will be able to get through, as the whole mountain side at Wyeth seems to be sliding down toward the river's brink and burying the track as rapidly as it can be cleared. In order to give at least partial accommodations, passengers will be transferred hereafter at Eagle Creek, near Bonneville, until the track has been cleared.

In the past 24 hours the Willamette at Portland has increased in depth 5.4 feet, showing a stage of 11.8 feet at 5 o'clock this morning. The dark muddy water is rolling toward the sea at a rate of about five miles an hour. Because of the swift current Mr. Beals is of the opinion that the surplus water will soon run out.

## STOP INAUGURATION

**The North Bank Road Tied Up By Storm.**

**O. R. & N. IS IN BAD SHAPE**

**Six Hundred Passengers Stalled by Washouts and Landslides Making Despatching of Trains an Impossibility—Lines Down—News Scarce.**

LA GRANDE, March 16.—Six hundred O. R. & N. passengers are stalled here, awaiting a train west, which they will not get before tomorrow morning, as a fresh landslide has taken place at Huron, over the Blue Mountain divide, between Kamela and Pendleton.

Fifteen miles of track west of here was put in bad condition at various places by the rains, but all the Jap construction crews and men of the section crews were called to the slopes of the Blue Mountains to repair the damage. But for the new slide, the west bound trains would have gone out this morning.

Passengers are required to leave the through trains here and the latter are turned around and run back as east bound.

## North Bank Train Stopped.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 16.—The severe rains of the past two days have disarranged the plans of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway for the inauguration of regular passenger trains, and as a result a number of intending passengers were disappointed this morning. The rains had caused an unexpected rise in several of the streams, and as a result several washouts and land slides have occurred, making the dispatching of a train this morning impossible. None of the damage is serious, and it is now expected by Agent McIntyre that the first train will be started on schedule time tomorrow morning.

At Washougal two bents of the bridge are damaged. The rise of the Washougal, which for some time has been exceptionally low, brought down an immense run of logs, which lodged against the piers, causing two of the bents to shift. There is also a small washout at Carson, and one or two landslides near Seal.